



❖ Council Meeting Minutes ❖

August 13, 2009

The Meeting was called to order by Vice President Donnie Marchi at 6:00 pm at Scotty's Corvettes on Girard. Other officers in attendance were David Judd, Brenda Bunting, Robert O'Keefe, Steve and Cindy Hopkins.

Old business:

Attendance for the CASA Auto Show was very good. Thank you to Eric Goodman for lining up the pizzas and sodas.

In the Route 66 Calendar Show, we won the Second Place Club Award thanks to Lori and Larry Jordan, Dan Bond, Rich Sherman, Eric Goodman and Mike Rothman. We now have a plaque for the CASA case.

From our \$60 membership fee, \$35 of it goes to NCCC. One of our members has paid, but needs to fill out the form and send it to Robert O'Keefe.

We discussed the IRS situation. Since we do not have a tax accountant for the club, Donnie will contact an accountant friend to see if he's interested. We will need help to re-file as a 501(C)(3) to be able to donate to a charity for our future car shows.

We discovered that door prizes for our general meetings have come out of our Treasury in the past. We will purchase door prizes during times of the year when there's higher attendance.

Phil Newman had volunteered to hold a wine tasting picnic. We had tabled this earlier, but after some discussion we decided it was doable. Members can make their own decisions about attending or finding a designated driver.

We need a new activities chairman. Until now, our club has had an activity every month. We discussed ideas for getting a new volunteer.

Marty has resigned membership chairman because of personal business.

Since we do not have a News Letter Editor, our website has not been addressed since March. A few of our members have not been receiving our emails, etc. Our computer hasn't been getting to the Web master, so we are using a different account to send them information. Since we need to clear up this, Steve hasn't been sending in pictures and articles. He can't keep up being President, solving technical problems, helping with the secretarial duties and writing articles without any help from the members.

New Business:

Randy Pisto's mother passed away in July. Steve Hopkins sent flowers from our club.

The Bunting Barbeque is this Saturday the 15th at 6:00 pm. There has been a huge response this year, with more people attending than usual. It should be fun!

We're having problems with info@nmcorvette.org email. Steve's been getting bounce messages and is working around it. The problem is almost resolved.



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We need an activity for September. We discussed Valle Grande's Van Tours. They would show us the geology of the caldera. It's a couple of hour's tour with 20 people per van. We would need to bring a boxed lunch. We'd park at a designated area and they'd pick us up. Steve will check out the dirt road to the site.

The Silver City event is September 18–20th. It's a 3 ½ hour drive and Ron Scott is going. Let him know if you'd like to follow him. On Friday he'll head west to Esperillo. Then on Sunday, he'll come back through Hillsboro and eat at the Three Sisters' restaurant.

We also need an activity for October. The Oktoberfest on the 17th in Riudoso was suggested. This could include a tour of the town. Also, the Tombstone Ghost Ride is in October. We will bring these up at the General Meeting.

Perhaps in November we could go to Sammy Griego's Old Town Museum. We could also do this in the winter for January.

Sadie's (JB's on Hotel Circle) is expecting us for our Christmas Dinner on December 19th. It's a Mexican style menu. We'll have own room and we can bring a boom box with music if we'd like. There will be no gift exchange for each other this year, but our members will bring toys and food for donations.

Doug and Cathy Arnie are at the NCCC Convention in Colorado Springs.

The club website fee will be paid from our Treasury.

Under membership dues, the initial due is higher because we have to pay more for the first NCCC fee. Club Dues should be paid at end of October. We will send last year's renewal form by e-mail with a corrections clause.

We need to make some Directory changes. John Ingles is the name of our club member, not James. Also, Marty Zimhoff's cell phone number is incorrect.

We also need to write articles for past activities. We're asking members to send information on these events to President Steve Hopkins and we'll see what we can do.

Up-Coming Events:

August 29th is the next Hooter's West Car Show.

The Swap Meet has moved to Belen.

The next general meeting will be Friday, August 21, 2009 at 7:00 pm at CASA.
The meeting was closed at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Hopkins

Cindy Hopkins, NMCA Secretary

Webmaster note: Emails from various usual sources are working fine. Only email from within NMCA seems to experience difficulty.



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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Stephen Hopkins. He announced that any members wishing to socialize after the meeting should meet at the Owl Café.

There was no Treasurer's report.

Marty Zimmerhoff has had to resign as Membership chairman for personal reasons. He is out of state taking care of friends or family.

Dues will be coming up at the end of October. Brenda Bunting will send a form letter with information and the amount due in September. There will also be a section for members to add any corrections before returning.

The position of Activities Director is still open. In the meantime, keep giving suggestions to our staff.

Since we don't have a Newsletter editor, we are asking members to send Steve Hopkins articles on club events or other related subjects. Steve has a mail server problem and it's probably in our computer. We're working at resolving it so please be patient with the website.

It's almost election time and we are going to have open nominations. Start thinking of whom you'd want to nominate for the officer positions.

Donnie is checking with an accountant on changing the club from 501(c)(7) to 501(c)(3). If we change our dues will become tax deductible, but we'd have to give money away each year by holding a car show or providing educational talks to perhaps, a shop class. Do we want to change? We wouldn't have to change our status. In the past we had a threat of \$50,000 fine during the Ronald MacDonald cause and the IRS warned us not to let it happen again. We could avoid this by not donating to charities. We need to decide what we want.

Past Events

The Bunting's BBQ had great turnout of about 40 people. There was good food and great weather! The club applauded the efforts of the Buntings.

In the Route 66 Calendar Car Show, our club won lots of awards and 2nd Place in Club Display. We placed the plaque in CASA's trophy case and used the \$100 cash prize for door prizes at the Bunting's BBQ. We owe our thanks to Lori & Larry Jordan, Dan Bond, Rich Sherman, Eric Goodman, Mike Rothman and Jackie Haydu for participating in the show.

The CASA Car Show held on July 27th had a good turn out from the club. We had about twenty people and eighteen cars and lasted till 3PM; Thanks to Eric Goodman for arranging pizza and drinks— and the weather!



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Doug & Cathy Arney gave an entertaining report on the NCCC Convention at Colorado Springs. Some of the prizes included 13 sets tires and a set of towels valued at \$99. Bob Olan won a 2009 Corvette. He took the \$30,000 cash prize instead of the car since he already had his perfect car. There was a long caravan through the Garden of the Gods. One ceremony and dinner lasted 4 ½ hours. It seemed that about 500 people attended the convention. Doug didn't recommend doing a Rally with your wife. The Gimmick Rally they participated in had 12 pages of directions. Their 4th page was out of order, so they struggled with the directions. During the Funkanna they made a come-back because Cathy excelled in shooting cow pies! Ron Scott had hooked up with a group from Phoenix and stayed with them through Colorado Springs. The Flying J, where they were staying had hail the size of cotton balls. Next year the NCCC Convention will be held in Palm Beach, Florida. If you'd like to attend, plan ahead.

Upcoming Events

Our monthly Dinner will be next Thursday, August 27th at the Pasta House 6:30PM on Southern in Rio Rancho. It has good Italian food.

We're looking at having a Pistachio run to Alamogordo in October. If we schedule it on a Sunday we could stop for brunch at an Alamogordo restaurant and see some fall foliage. Their cute gift shop includes pistachios and wine, just in time for the holidays. We could also include seeing the National Solar Observatory in Sun Spot. It takes about three hours to get to Alamogordo and with a 10Am – 2PM brunch, we could do it in a day. Some of us may go on to Solar Observatory but the rest could return to Albuquerque before nightfall.

In October there's usually a Balloon Fiesta Car Show.

Vice President Donnie Marchi reminded us of our Christmas dinner at JB's, which will be Sadie's by Christmas. We have reserved our own room with a Mexican menu. He also passed out three more directories at the meeting. We've gotten many compliments on them.

Summer in Hyde Park was fun and very eventful. We got the finger salute from an irate Toyota driver, Dan Bond locked his keys in the car and Noa had to stand on Mike Rothman's back to reach in to unlock it. Our members helped to push start the sparkling white Corvette when it was time to leave. There were pictures of this, but they haven't been located. Possibly, a blackmailer has confiscated them.

Other events

Hooter's West Car show will be Saturday, August 29th and another will be held on Saturday Sept 19th.

Eisenhower Middle School Car Show will be Sunday August 30th. It is run by the students who also judge by them. It's a fun, worthwhile event.

The Kirtland Car Show will be Saturday, September 5th. Last year the judge liked Jaguars and low riders. The only hot rod there didn't win an award. Is it worth the effort?



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At Rich Ford tomorrow, August 22nd, Peggy Pearson's Mustang will be featured.

Hooter's East Car Show will be Saturday, Sept 12th.

The Make a Wish Rio Grande Car Show will be Sunday, Sept 13th.

On Sept. 18-20th, the Corvette Rally will be at Silver City. It will be \$10 each to register. They'll be staying at the Holiday Inn Express in El Paso overnight. Ron Scott has information on the NCCC website. If you're not interested in doing the events, there are cliff dwellings and a Mine pit to visit.

The Sunset Grill Car Show will be Sunday, September 20th. It's a big show down the street from CASA.

Thunder Vettes Show and Caravan may be on Sunday, Sept 27th, though it's not on the Atomic City website. The Atomic City Corvette Club would be one of sponsors if it's held.

The Tombstone run will be Oct. 8-11th. It would be a way to see the OK corral.

The State Fair Parade is coming up. It's also hard on the clutch, but we could participate if we're interested.

We need a theme for the Super National Car Show. It's usually held on Super Bowl weekend. Let us know if you have any ideas that we could work on.

Oktoberfest will be held in Ruidoso starting at Noon. We are not sure of the date yet. Bet it is in October! David Judd's Polka band will be there. It's a good event.

The next Council meeting will be at 6:00PM on Thursday, Sept. 10th at Scotty's. Please note the time change.

The next General Meeting will be at 7:00PM on Sept. 18th at CASA.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Hopkins

Cindy Hopkins, NMCA Secretary